

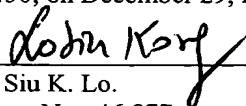


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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Inventor : DOLITZKY Ben-Zion et al.	Art Unit : 1621
Serial No.: 10/000,428	Examiner : BARTS, SAMUEL A.
Filing Date: November 30, 2001	

For: CRYSTALLINE VENLAFAXINE BASE AND NOVEL POLYMORPHS OF  
VENLAFAXINE HYDROCHLORIDE, PROCESSES FOR PREPARING  
THEREOF

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

SIR:

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed August 27, 2003,  
Applicants hereby elect, with traverse, the claims of Group I, i.e., claims 1-5 and 17-21, for  
further prosecution in this application. Applicants submit that the classification and sub-  
classification of the restricted groups are related and that they do not impose undue burden to  
the examiner.

Applicants respectfully request a THREE-MONTH time extension and extend  
the response date to December 27, 2003. Because December 27, 2003 falls on a Saturday, the  
response date is thereby December 29, 2003. Applicants hereby authorize you to charge  
payment of the extension fee to Kenyon & Kenyon's Deposit Account No. 11-0600.

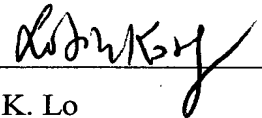
This election is made without prejudice to the filing of a divisional application(s) directed to non-elected inventions.

An action on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,  
KENYON & KENYON

Date: December 29, 2003

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